

REMARKS

Claims 1,4, 5, 13, 15-21, 23-27 and 30-39 are now pending in the application. Basis for the above amendments may be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

Applicant's claimed invention is directed generally to a liquid crystal display device. The liquid crystal display device generally includes a liquid crystal disposed between a pair of substrates. Of note, Claim 1 recites "a resistance element disposed on at least one of the pair of substrates, ..., wherein a resistance value of said resistance element is capable of being set by partially removing the material of the resistance element" in combination with the other elements recited in the claim. In this way, the voltage supplied to the liquid crystal display device by the host equipment may be fixed to a given voltage, and yet the voltage imposed on the liquid crystal can be adjusted to a prescribed value which is suitable to operate the liquid crystal. In accordance with an interview conducted on February 9, 2004, the Examiner agrees that the Applicant's claimed technique for adjusting the resistance value of the resistance element is not taught or suggested by the previously relied upon reference. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1, along with claims depending therefrom, defines patentable subject matter. Applicant notes that independent Claims 5, 13, 21 and 31 recite similar subject matter, and thus should be allowable, along with claims depending therefrom, for the same reasons as Claim 1.

Applicant further notes that independent Claims 27 and 30 are also directed to a liquid crystal display device. In addition to the integrated circuit (IC), these claims recite "a capacitor located between the first and second substrates, connected to said liquid


crystal driving IC for stabilizing the voltage imposed on said liquid crystal" in combination with the other elements recited in the claim. The capacitor stabilizes the voltage output from the liquid crystal driving integrated circuit as noted on page 27, line 15 thru page 28, line 7 of the specification. Brewer does not teach or suggest a capacitor disposed between the substrates which sandwich the liquid crystal. For example, the integrated circuit 44 which includes a capacitor is separated from the substrates 32, 33 of the display 31 as shown in Figure 7. Moreover, Brewer does not teach or suggest a capacitor electrically connected externally to the integrated circuit 10 for stabilizing the voltage output by the integrated circuit, and thus imposed on the liquid crystal. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 27 and 30, along with claims depending therefrom, also define patentable subject matter over Brewer.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1230.

Respectfully submitted,

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